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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1922

Introduced by Assembly Member Davis

February 16, 2010

An act to add ~~Section 51204.8 to, and to add~~ Chapter 3.9 (commencing with Section 8680) to Part 6 of Division 1 of Title 1 of, the Education Code, relating to civil rights education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1922, as amended, Davis. Civil rights education: California Civil Rights Education ~~Commission~~. *Advisory Committee*.

Existing law establishes the system of public elementary and secondary schools in this state. Existing law establishes courses of study to be pursued by elementary and secondary school pupils. The State Department of Education is required to incorporate, into publications that provide examples of curriculum resources for teacher use, those materials that are age-appropriate and consistent with subject frameworks on history and social science that deal with civil rights, human rights violations, genocide, slavery, and the Holocaust.

This bill would establish the ~~15-member~~ *13-member* California Civil Rights Education ~~Commission~~ *Advisory Committee* in ~~state government~~ *the State Department of Education*. The bill would authorize the ~~commission~~ *advisory committee* to study and provide assistance and advice to the State Board of Education with respect to the inclusion of civil rights education in the history-social science framework and criteria for evaluating instructional materials. The bill would require the

~~commission~~ *advisory committee* to study and review the history-social science framework developed by the History-Social Science Curriculum Framework and Criteria Committee of the state board, and advise the state board and the Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission on the inclusion of civil rights education in the history-social science framework and criteria for evaluating instructional materials.

The bill would specify the ~~procedure~~ *leaders of the entities responsible* for the appointment of the members of the ~~commission~~ *advisory committee*. The bill would provide that members of the ~~commission~~ *advisory committee* would receive no compensation for their services, but would be reimbursed for the expenses they incur while performing their duties. The State Department of Education would be authorized to apply for, and receive, gifts and grants from public and private sources for purposes of supporting the expenses incurred in operating the ~~commission~~ *advisory committee*.

~~The bill would require the State Board of Education to work with the California Civil Rights Education Commission in implementing prescribed guidelines.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares both of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) Understanding the important role of the Civil Rights
- 4 Movement in the lives of African Americans and all other
- 5 Americans, and understanding the importance of teaching
- 6 California's children all of our history, it is the goal of the
- 7 Legislature to provide meaningful support to this most important
- 8 endeavor.
- 9 (b) California's role in the struggle for civil rights also needs
- 10 to be formalized and taught as a beacon of hope for all Californians.
- 11 SEC. 2. Chapter 3.9 (commencing with Section 8680) is added
- 12 to Part 6 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education Code, to read:

1 CHAPTER 3.9. CALIFORNIA CIVIL RIGHTS EDUCATION
2 ~~COMMISSION~~ ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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4 8680. (a) The California Civil Rights Education ~~Commission~~
5 ~~is hereby established in state government. The commission shall~~
6 ~~be assigned to the~~ *Advisory Committee is hereby established within*
7 *the State Department of Education.*

8 (b) ~~The commission~~ *advisory committee* may study and provide
9 assistance and advice to the State Board of Education with respect
10 to the inclusion of civil rights education in the history-social
11 science framework and criteria for evaluating instructional
12 materials. ~~The commission~~ *advisory committee* shall study and
13 review the history-social science framework developed by the
14 History-Social Science Curriculum Framework and Criteria
15 Committee of the state board, and advise the state board and the
16 Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission
17 on the inclusion of civil rights education in the history-social
18 science framework and criteria for evaluating instructional
19 materials. In completing these tasks, ~~the commission~~ *advisory*
20 *committee* may act as a liaison with various entities, including, but
21 not necessarily limited to, the United States Congress, the
22 California Legislature, the National Association for the
23 Advancement of Colored People, as well as other national and
24 international agencies.

25 8681. ~~(a) (1) The commission shall consist of 15 members,~~
26 ~~11 of whom shall serve terms, commencing and ending on July 1~~
27 ~~of the appropriate years, on a rotating basis. Of the 11 initial~~
28 ~~members of the commission who serve terms, three shall serve~~
29 ~~terms ending on July 1, 2012, four shall serve terms ending on~~
30 ~~July 1, 2013, and four shall serve terms ending on July 1, 2014.~~
31 ~~Members of the commission appointed to succeed the members~~
32 ~~referenced above, other than those appointed to fill the unexpired~~
33 ~~portion of a term, shall all serve three-year terms. No member may~~
34 ~~serve more than two terms.~~

35 ~~(2) The 11 members serving terms shall be chosen from~~
36 ~~applicants who apply to a four-member joint committee consisting~~
37 ~~of the Superintendent or his or her designee and representatives~~
38 ~~of the University of California, the California State University,~~
39 ~~and the California Community Colleges. The joint committee shall~~

1 ~~make its initial 11 appointments by July 1, 2011. The members of~~
2 ~~the joint committee shall also be members of the commission.~~

3 ~~(3) The members of the joint committee shall be appointed as~~
4 ~~follows:~~

5 ~~(A) The representative of the University of California shall be~~
6 ~~appointed by the President of the University of California.~~

7 ~~(B) The representative of the California State University shall~~
8 ~~be appointed by the Chancellor of the California State University.~~

9 ~~(C) The representative of the California Community Colleges~~
10 ~~shall be appointed by the Chancellor of the California Community~~
11 ~~Colleges.~~

12 ~~(b) At least one member of the commission shall represent a~~
13 ~~8681. (a) The advisory committee shall consist of 13 members,~~
14 ~~who shall serve three-year terms. A member shall not serve more~~
15 ~~than two terms.~~

16 ~~(b) The members of the advisory committee shall be as follows:~~

17 ~~(1) The President of the University of California or his or her~~
18 ~~designee.~~

19 ~~(2) The Chancellor of the California State University or his or~~
20 ~~her designee.~~

21 ~~(3) The Chancellor of the California Community Colleges or~~
22 ~~his or her designee.~~

23 ~~(4) Ten members appointed by the Superintendent of Public~~
24 ~~Instruction, as follows:~~

25 ~~(A) At least two of the members appointed by the Superintendent~~
26 ~~pursuant to this paragraph shall represent a civil rights~~
27 ~~organization, including, but not necessarily limited to, the~~
28 ~~California State Conference of the National Association for the~~
29 ~~Advancement of Colored People.~~

30 ~~(e) The members of the commission shall be California residents,~~

31 ~~(B) At least five of the members appointed by the Superintendent~~
32 ~~pursuant to this paragraph shall be teachers at public elementary~~
33 ~~or secondary schools.~~

34 ~~(c) The members of the advisory committee shall be California~~
35 ~~residents, and shall be appointed with due regard for broad~~
36 ~~geographic representation.~~

37 ~~(d) The—commission advisory committee shall have a~~
38 ~~chairperson, who shall be designated from the membership of the~~
39 ~~commission.~~

1 ~~(e) Eight members of the commission shall constitute a quorum~~
2 ~~for the transaction of the business of the commission. Members~~

3 ~~(e) Members of the commission advisory committee shall receive~~
4 ~~no compensation for the performance of their duties, but shall be~~
5 ~~reimbursed for the expenses they incur in performing these duties.~~

6 ~~(f) The commission shall adopt rules and regulations, and set~~
7 ~~standards and policies, for the organization, operation,~~
8 ~~management, budgeting, and programs of the commission.~~

9 8682. The State Department of Education may apply for, and
10 receive, gifts, grants, and donations from any public or private
11 sources, including, but not necessarily limited to, federal funds
12 and private foundation grants for purposes of supporting the
13 expenses incurred in operating the ~~commission advisory committee~~.

14 ~~SEC. 3. Section 51204.8 is added to the Education Code, to~~
15 ~~read:~~

16 51204.8. The state board shall work with the California Civil
17 Rights Education Commission established pursuant to Chapter 3.9
18 (commencing with Section 8680) of Part 6 of Division 1 of Title
19 1 in implementing all of the following guidelines:

20 ~~(a) Providing information to public elementary and secondary~~
21 ~~schools with respect to civil rights movement education and~~
22 ~~awareness programs.~~

23 ~~(b) Creating an inventory of civil rights memorials, exhibits,~~
24 ~~and resources that could be used in classrooms and for other~~
25 ~~educational programs.~~

26 ~~(c) Compiling a list of volunteers who are willing to share their~~
27 ~~knowledge and experiences concerning the struggle for civil rights.~~